

Caller Questions from February 18, 2021

- 1. Rebecca from Middletown: Asked about the status of a proposed crosswalk on Aquidneck Avenue at Newport Avenue in Middletown that she said involved a traffic study.**

Rebecca is correct. A traffic study is underway by the State Traffic Commission (STC) to see if a crosswalk is warranted at this location. An important component is to look at current pedestrian traffic and that will be done once the temperatures warm and pedestrian traffic is near its highest.

It's anticipated the study will be finalized and voted on by the STC in late spring/early summer, and the Town of Middletown will be notified. Rebecca can either check back with the Town then or email our Customer Service staff at help@ridot.net to see if approval for the crosswalk has been granted.

- 2. Ellie from Warwick: Said the right lane on Post Road heading south from Airport Road is uneven and full of potholes**

Our Maintenance division visited the site on two days this week and patched the potholes.

- 3. Diane from West Kingston: Wondered if we had any plans for the Usquepaug River Bridge on Route 138 over the Queen River in Richmond**

While it's of concern to Diane and others in the area, the Usquepaug River Bridge itself is structurally sound and in fair condition. Under the RhodeWorks program we are focused on addressing bridges with structural concerns. As we replace and repair these deficient bridges, we'll be in a better position to address bridges like this one that have cosmetic issues. However, we will keep an eye on it should repairs need to be made sooner.

- 4. Mark from Barrington: Asked if we have any plans to repair Route 114 from East Providence into Warren**

We are well aware of the condition of this roadway and have a number of sections identified as projects in our 10-year plan. As part of the annual Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP) that is underway now and should be finalized in the spring, we are reevaluating all our projects and their timelines.

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- Road kill – DEM – 222-3070 ([recently killed deer only](#)). Otherwise call RIDOT at [222-2378](tel:222-2378)
- Bike Path issues: DEM – 222-3070 for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is the proper contact.
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